

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON RETIREE HEALTH CARE REFORMS**

Thursday, January 10, 2008 10:30 a.m. Room 521 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Meadows, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Meadows, Coulouris, Alma Smith, Wenke, Knollenberg, Moss.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Spade, Johnson, Valentine, Calley.

Representative Coulouris made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2007. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Representative Wenke made a motion to excuse absent members. There being no objections, absent members were excused.

Charles F. Agerstrand and Donald Noble, representing the Michigan Education Association (MEA), spoke to the Committee regarding MEA health insurance premiums (a historical background); the school employee health care plans; who pays for the health care benefits; other health care costs paid for by retirees; and what can be done to fund health care benefits more effectively.

Dan Quisenberry, President of the Michigan Association of Public School Academies, and Stephanie VanKoevering, Executive Director of the Michigan Council of Charter School Authorities, spoke to the Committee regarding how public school academies and charter public schools are providing health care benefits to retirees. Topics also reviewed included how charter contracts are authorized and operated, savings and innovations, and examples of retirement plans for Michigan charter schools not participating in MPSERS.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Meadows declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 12:15 p.m.

Representative Mark Meadows, Chair

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